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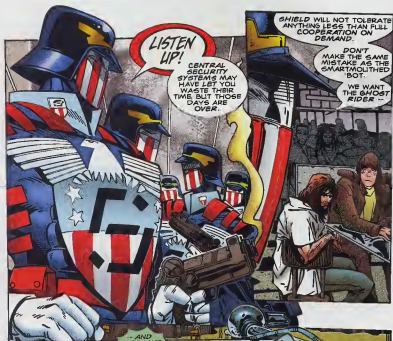
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LISTEN UP!

CENTRAL SECURITY SYSTEMS MAY HAVE LET YOU WASTE THEIR TIME, BUT THOSE DAYS ARE OVER.

SHIELD WILL NOT TOLERATE ANYTHING LESS THAN FULL COOPERATION ON DEMAND.

DON'T MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE AS THE SMARTMOUTHED 'BOT.

WE WANT THE GHOST RIDER -



-- AND WE WANT HIM NOW.

RAT SCUM CANCER SHOCK.

SOMEBODY'S BEEN TALKING.

H.D.T.A. HAPPEN. SHIELD'S BEEN COMIN' DOWN HARD.

NIX INTERCOM --
PROB'LY GOT THE
WHOLE PLACE UNDER
AUDIO SURVEIL.

E-MAIL
INSTEAD.

CHAK
KLAT
CLIKKLAT
CHUK

3-MIN

HEAT ON PAUL
OUTSIDE GOT
YOUR NAME ON IT
FACE THROUGH
THE BACK EXIT
TO FLOOR

SEND

BIP

WE KNOW
HE'S HERE.

WE
HAVE VERIFIED
INTELLIGENCE
REPORTS PLACING
HIM --

CAN'T
BE TOO
INTELLIGENT,
THEN --

"CUZ
WE AIN'T
GOT HIM.

I KICKED
HIS CHROME-
PLATED BUTT
OUTTA HERE. HIS
KINDA TROUBLE,
I DON'T
NEED.

ALL YOU HAVE
TO DO IS STAND
BACK --

AND
HOPE WE
DON'T FIND
HIM.

WELL,
THEN, YOU WON'T
MIND IF WE CARRY
OUT OUR ORDERS
AND SEARCH EVERY
INCH OF THIS
SUCKHOLE.

MARK
MY WORDS.
MAN, THIS IS
JUST THE
BEGINNING...

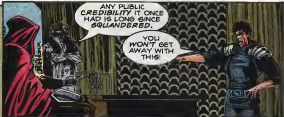


IT'S THE
END -- IT'S
ALL OVER...

HALF THE
STAFF FIRED...
STOCK PRICES
PLUMMETING...
MAN, WHAT HAVE
YOU DONE TO
US?

MERELY
AN OVERDUE
RIGHTSIZING.
CENTRAL SECURITY
SYSTEMS' PAYROLL
IS BLOATED BY
NEPOTISM.

ITS
HIERARCHY
CONSISTS OF
EGOCENTRIC
DIVISION HEADS
WITHOUT ANY
ACCOUNTABILITY
FOR THEIR
FAILURES.



ANY PUBLIC
CREDIBILITY IT ONCE
HAD IS LONG SINCE
SQUANDERED.

YOU
WON'T GET
AWAY WITH
THIS.



I'LL GO TO
THE STOCK
HOLDERS!



I'LL --



WHAT YOU
WILL DO...



PRECISELY...



...NOTHING!



AS OF EIGHT
O'CLOCK THIS
MORNING --



-- YOU WERE
DISEMPOWERED.



THAT ALONE,
HOWEVER, IS
NOT SUFFICIENT
TO ATOKE FOR
THE MOCKERY
YOU HAVE
MADE OF THIS
FIRM.

RESTITUTION
MUST BE
MADE.



YOUR PERSONAL
ASSETS, PROPERTIES
AND POSSESSIONS ARE
HEREBY FORFEITED
TO CSS AS PARTIAL
REMUNERATION.

SO
YOU SEE,
STERLING, THE
ONLY POWER
YOU RETAIN --



CYBERSPACE.

MAN, THAT'S
THE UBERHACK
OF THE DECADE

TOOK THREE DAYS
AND A TON OF GIGS
JUST TO RECONSTRUCT
THE DATAFLOW, AND
I STILL CAN'T FIGURE
OUT HOW DOOM
PULLED IT OFF.

DUNNO WHY ANYBODY
FAST AND PENSE
ENOUGH TO SURF THIS'D
WASTE IT ON SCORING
THE WHITE HOUSE --

-- BUT AS FAR
AS I'M CONCERNED,
YOU CAN CRUNCH
THESE KINDA
NUMBERS, YOU CAN
LIVE ANYWHERE
YOU WANT.

BINK

YOU'VE GOT
MAIL!

JAMMIT. I TOLD
ANESTHESIA NOT
TO BUG ME...

Whoa? You mean we have to do this again this month? How we continue to—Oh. Hel-lo. Didn't see you there. Nice shirt. Welcome to the **2099 Bulpen Bulletins Page**. We return despite a cruel world's best efforts to the contrary. Yeah, well, what doesn't kill us makes us stronger, so here we go.

With Order of Business: For a number of reasons, none of which we're all that crazy about, **Matt Mura** won't be editing titles in the **2099** line for the foreseeable future...and we hope that that's a turn of events that will reverse itself in time to come. Matt'll still be around, doing a lot of advising and consulting...[like reminding Joey how to spell "Delthstryk"]. Till you're back here for good, Matt, remember, this is only the end of Act 2...

Second Order of Business: **Joey** is busy You wanna drawing it, but know how our pet name for the project around here is going, do ya? **Sardar-Man** Boy, there's no Meets **Sardar-Man**...What getting anything would you think past you? of that? At right, how Now remem- about this? ber...it's just our Suppose we told you that secret!

Third Order of Business: **Is** **Project 2099** **A.G.** Agent of **Lotusland** the absolute longest the you'll see on a comic book this year or what? Our special thanks to **Scott Kelly**, who suffered through its design and revision. This last issue with that logo invited you to join the new organization founded by **Joey**...and if you did, you discovered a lot of new cost members, as well as the return of some requested sides! This month, the title develops further...and we'd hate to do it without you! Our book has always been a slightly skewed version of vigilante characters...so even if ya don't go for that sorta thing, give this book a try!

2099
BITMAPPED



Fourth Order of Business: Specking of mail we love it! We pore through all of it! We roam and skulk the bulletin boards looking for e-mail, too! Most of what we've done in the past has been based on your comments...and we plan ahead using your suggestions and criticisms! So if you're considering witting (or posting), do it! We're listening!

MORE OF MARVEL 2099 A.D.

Soldier-Man 2099 A.D. #32: Soldier got his costume during the "Day of the Penny" festival in Mexico...and now it's that time of year again, a time to revisit a heretofore!

Hulk 2099 A.D. #7: Dracals a big enough thorn in Greenskins' side! It's not enough that the villainous genius wants control of Lotusland...Doom wants it, too!

Ravage 2099 A.D. #31: Ravage, Heia, Ferra and Ussel are close to having Hallock all sewn up...now if they could just talk Delthstryk and the Seeress off the property! Did we say "talk"? Yeah, right!

X-Men 2099 A.D. #21: Halloween Jack and Meanstreak apparently can't get enough of Vegas, and Krystall learns what Doom has in mind for the X-Men's territory!

Ghost Rider 2099 A.D. #14: It's called "Under New Management," and tuer words were never spoken! GR wakes to find **heaven in charge** of everything...including him!

Banshee 2099 A.D. #29 **Agent of S.H.I.E.L.D.** #29 **Jake** trains a cadre of new agents...not all of whom have his best interests at heart. Plus the return of **Aggawl**!

PROJECT X
Sixth Order of Business: Yeah, so the Hidebrands couldn't convince Joey to go visit them. Apparently, Joey figured he was gonna fall down one of the Mines of Moka or something...! Seizing they were up against a power greater than Golum, they came to down and dropped off the rough pencil layouts for their X-Men, 2099 bookshelf edition entitled "Data." Wanna see? Ya can't. All right, maybe if you can police...



BINK

Z-MAN.

HEAT ON FULL
TOPSIDE. GOT
YOUR NAME ON IT.
FADE THROUGH
THE BACK EXIT;
I'LL DEAL.

AJ

ANESTHESIA
CAN FRYE ME.

DON'T GIVE
A RIP WHAT
SHE SAYS --

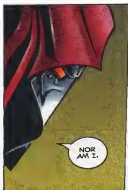
-- THIS IS
MY PLACE.
MY PEOPLE.

NO WAY I'M
BUGGIN' OUT
ON 'EM.

SHIELD
WANTS TO
JAM WITH
ME ON MY
TURF --

-- IT'S
THEIR
FUNERAL.



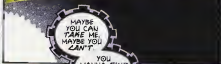














WAY I
SEE IT, YOU'RE
NOT WORTH
IT.

UP TO ME
I'D JUST NUKE
YOU FROM ORBIT
AND BE DONE WITH
IT -- BUT YOU GOT
AN APPOINTMENT
WITH THE
PRESIDENT.

-- AND
IT'S MY
JOB TO SEE
YOU KEEP
IT.



THE
PRESIDENT?
DOOM?!

WHY
THE SHOCK
DIDN'T YOU
SAY THAT
TO BEGIN
WITH?!



ANYBODY
WHO CAN PULL
OFF THE HACK HE
DID IS SOMEBODY
I WANNA
MEET.

WHAT'RE
WE WAITING
FOR?

LET'S
MOTOR.

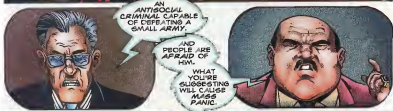
YOU NEVER DID HAVE
ANY SENSE, COCHRANE.

IT SAYS
"DOOM"
ON IT, IT'S
GOT TO BE
BAD BIZ.



-- VERY
BAD
BUSINESS,
I SAY.

THIS
GHOST
RIDER IS
DANGEROUS
PUBLIC
MENACE.



AN
ANTISOCIAL
CRIMINAL CAPABLE
OF DEFEATING A
SMALL ARMY.

AND
PEOPLE ARE
AFRAID OF
HIM.

WHAT
YOU'RE
SUGGESTING
WILL CAUSE
MASS
PANIC.

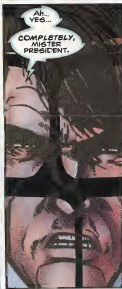


I AM
WELL AWARE
OF THE GHOST
RIDER'S
CAPABILITIES
AND PUBLIC
STATUS.

I
CONSIDER
THEM
ASSETS.



DON'T
YOU AGREE,
MISTER
KELLERMAN?



AH...
YES...

COMPLETELY,
MISTER
PRESIDENT.



HE POSSESSES THE
TWO INDISPENSABLE
PREREQUISITES FOR
EFFECTIVE
ACTION --

-- POWER,
AND THE FEAR
OF THE
MASSES.



HE IS
THE IDEAL
CHOICE.

FURTHERMORE
YOU FORGET I
HAVE NOT ASKED
FOR YOUR
OPINIONS.



THIS DECISION HAS
ALREADY BEEN MADE
BY EXECUTIVE
ORDER.

AND THIS
CONVERSATION --



-- IS
TERMINATED.

BIP

THAT
WHITE HOUSE
HACK WAS NICE
BIZ.

WHAT'S
UP?





WHAT IS
UP IS THE
TIME OF THE
OLD REGIME
IN THIS
CITY.

CORRUPTION
AT THE HIGHEST
LEVELS HAS
FESTERED IN
TRANSVERSE
CITY FOR
DECADES.



THIS
INDUSTRIAL
REGION IS FAR
TOO VITAL TO
MY NATIONAL
RENEWAL
PROGRAM
TO ALLOW THAT
CONDITION TO
CONTINUE.



I HAVE
CONCLUDED
THAT SHIELD
ALONE WILL NOT
BE SUFFICIENT
TO RECTIFY
THE PRESENT
STATE OF
AFFAIRS.

THE
IMPOSITION OF
ORDER DOES
NOT NECESSARILY
ENSURE THE
BRADICATION
OF SOCIAL
DECAY.



I REQUIRE
AN INDEPENDENT
OPERATOR
EMPOWERED TO
INTERPRET THE LAW
ON A SITUATIONAL
BASIS.

YOU
WILL BE
THAT
AGENT.



I'M
APPOINTING
YOU THIS
REGION'S
FEDERAL
MARSHAL.



ME?! THE
LAW?!

NOT A
SHOCKIN'
CHANCE.
MAN...

LET ME
CLARIFY
MATTERS
FOR YOU.



CHOICE
ON YOUR
PART IS
NOT AN
OPTION.

I
HAVE REACHED
AN AGREEMENT
WITH YOUR
SHOTWORKS
MASTERS

THEY HAVE
DECIDED THAT
EXPEDITING MY PLANS
WILL FURTHER THE
ACCOMPLISHMENT
OF THEIR OWN
GOALS.



ENABLE
ACCESS ABRAXAS
DELTA. IMMOBILIZE
ALL SYSTEMS.



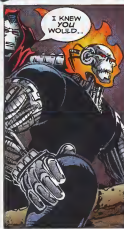
THEY
HAVE PROVIDED
ME WITH KEYWORDS
WHICH ENABLE CERTAIN
BLOCKS OF HIDDEN
CODE IN YOUR
OPERATING
SYSTEM.

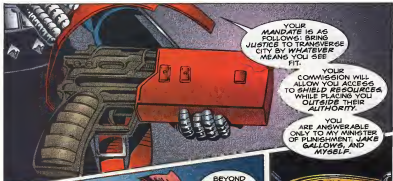


CONSIDER
YOURSELF
FORTUNATE.

WITHOUT
THAT CONTROL
FACTOR YOU
WOULD BE FAR TOO
DANGEROUS TO
MY AGENDA.

AND THAT,
NATURALLY, WOULD
NECESSITATE YOUR
DESTRUCTION.

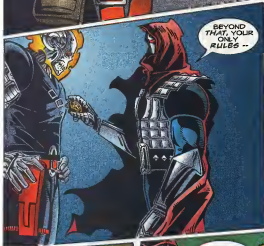




YOUR MANDATE IS AS FOLLOWS: BRING JUSTICE TO TRANSVERSE CITY BY WHATEVER MEANS YOU SEE FIT.

YOUR COMMISSION WILL ALLOW YOU ACCESS TO SHIELD RESOURCES WHILE PLACING YOU OUTSIDE THEIR AUTHORITY.

YOU ARE ANSWERABLE ONLY TO MY MINISTER OF PUNISHMENT, JAKE GALLOWAY, AND MYSELF.



BEYOND THAT, YOUR ONLY RULES --



-- ARE YOUR OWN.



Hmm.

I WOULD, HOWEVER, SUGGEST --



-- A LESS CASUAL UNIFORM.

YOU GOT IT, MAN.

LEHME JUST ADJUST MY SOLIDGRAM IMAGE PARAMETERS...



THERE.

JAGGED --

-- OR
WHAT?

THE
The LAW of the
JUNGLE

MACHINE LANGUAGE

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OFF WITH HIS HEAD

Recognize this voice?

Good, 'cause you're going to be hearing it from now on.

Dear Machine Language,

I love GHOST RIDER 2099. The art is perfect, the stories are exciting and I believe it to be the most promising of the 2099 titles. I'd love to see Ghost Rider and Hulk 2099 get into a real battle and stay enemies. I'd also like to see this Ghost Rider team up with another 2099 character, perhaps one of the X-Men and fight against a cool 2099 enemy.

It'd also be great to see each of the 2099 characters meet up with their current day counterparts. Any chance of that happening?

Natayan Chappala
NW Washington, D.C.

A lot of folks have written us about 2099 and present day characters crossing over, there is already a Spidey/Spidey in the works, by Peter David, Rick Leonardi and Al Williamson, no less! What do the rest of you think of the idea? Any particular team-ups you'd like to see?

Dear Editors,

The addition of Ghost Rider to the 2099 line gave me mixed feelings, to say the least. The first issue was pretty interesting, and consequent issues got much better.

I enjoy the connection of Ghost Rider with computers, and his heavy reliance on technology. Still, I find that books in "cyberspace" leave me a little cold. I would definitely like to see this book take a supernatural twist. Particularly now that GR is rebuilding himself.

The darker approach to this book is intriguing, and Transverse City seems completely separate from the rest of the 2099 Universe. Perhaps this is done on purpose, but I would like to see a little bit more continuity.

You have a really interesting premise here, I hope to see it continue.

Joey Marchese
Union, NJ

More continuity? Now that Ghost Rider is Doom's Transverse City marshal, I think you'll find that the 2099 Universe

continuity that you wish for is definitely here.

Dear Machine Language,

GHOST RIDER 2099 is excellent. I've been reading Ghost Rider since I was a kid. Blaze and Kelch are cool too, especially when they deal with their supernatural demons. But this Ghost Rider definitely puts the icing on the cake. It's nice to see that this Ghost Rider isn't a supernatural being (considering Zero Man is dead). I like the idea that a rogue Cybernet computer puts in the living energy of a sub-conscious mind into its network which makes a deal to bring order and vengeance in this particular dark time for Earth. I love the artwork, and all the different artists who have tried their hand at the art. It's a combination of Blade Runner and the Batman movies. Nice touch, and keep up the good work.

Christopher Gallagher
Waltham, MA

This book sorta goes out of its way to downplay the supernatural aspects of the character, Chris. Thanks for noticing. Glad you enjoy the book.

Dear GR fans,

This Ghost Rider is totally awesome! I must admit, when I first saw that GR was being launched into the future, I anticipated a cheesy version of the current Ghost Rider. But despite my prediction, GHOST RIDER 2099 has consistently kept up its quality and excitement for a year now.

Congratulations to all who have made this book worthwhile and better than its predecessor.

LCP, Joshua Lowman
U.S. Marine Corp.

No "cheesy version of the current Ghost Rider," huh, Josh? So that debut of CHEESE RIDER can be put off? Too bad...we kinda liked his skull with the fiery halo of melted cheddar!

Dear Ghost Rider 2099,

Ever since the release of the first 2099 title, that being SPIDER-MAN 2099 in 1992, I've been waiting for my favorite comic to make his move into the future.

I must say, I was a little disappointed at first with the fact that he's not a demonically possessed, poor young sap out for vengeance. As the issues went on, I found myself enjoying this Ghost Rider and finding that I spent less on other titles so I could continue to buy GHOST RIDER 2099.

1. When will there be a Blaze or Vengeance 2099?

2. Will GR 2099 develop any new weapons?

3. Where are the Ghost Rider 2099 villains (such as Blackout, Zodiac and Scarecrow, etc)?

Bob Slon
Ontario, Canada

1. GR 2099 is a loner, Bob, so there are no plans for Blaze. 2. As Transverse City Marshal, GR is more powerful than ever. 3. There aren't any plans for any present day villains, but there will be plenty of new and exciting GR villains like next month's Heartbreaker in the works.

Dear Machine Language,

I've really enjoyed the last few issues of GHOST RIDER 2099. It seems the character has achieved a little bit more humanity, and perhaps that's because the supporting characters around him are more developed, giving the Ghost Rider a deeper sense of being. I enjoy the Cyberpunk aspects of this book. It definitely has a futuristic feel, with both the art and dialogue being just different enough to keep the sense of disbelief going.

Jaime Ricano
Austin, TX

Expect us to explore that supporting cast more deeply in the future, Jaime.

NEXT ISSUE

Yeah, yeah, marshal of Transverse City, easy gig, right? Give out a bunch of speeding tickets (that is, tickets for not speeding), steal a couple apples from the corner fruit stand, beat up a buncha bad guys, right? Well, what if the first bad guy is a real bad female named Heartbreaker? And what if she was even deadlier than our hero? Well, you'll get to see this next month, as well as Dr. Zera, Kyle and the rest of the Bar Code (where everybody knows your e-mail address) bunch. Also, we welcome new artist Ashley Wood. You should show up for that alone. It's only polite.